

# Selective High Schools Entry in Year 7 2016 – minimum scores

## Reports and statistics

Selective high schools provide an educationally enriched environment for highly achieving, academically gifted students.

### General information

Entry into these schools in Year 7 is determined by the students' results in the Selective High School Placement Test<sup>1</sup> in English (including reading and writing), mathematics and general ability, together with their primary school's assessment of their performance in English and mathematics. Other evidence of academic merit may also be considered.

There are 17 fully selective high schools, 26 high schools with selective classes (partially selective), 4 agricultural high schools<sup>2</sup> and a virtual selective class provision offering selective placement in Year 7 for entry in 2016.

The Department of Education publishes minimum entry scores<sup>3</sup> for selective high schools annually at the end of Term 1. This information has been updated for 2016 entry, as at the end of Term 1 2016.

### Selective high school vacancies for 2016 entry

Number of vacancies:	4215
Number of applicants:	13 118

<sup>1</sup> Examples of selective high schools tests can be found on the Department's website.

<sup>2</sup> Agricultural high schools are selective high schools which emphasise the study of agriculture, with the residential sections giving some priority to isolated students.

<sup>3</sup> These scores are expressed as whole numbers. The exact entry score of the last person placed at each school is normally calculated to a number of decimal places. If the minimum entry score is 224.39 there will be students below that score (for example 224.19) who will be unsuccessful.

### Minimum entry scores for selective high schools

Minimum entry scores vary from school to school and from year to year.

The minimum entry score for a selective high school is the score of the lowest scoring student to accept a place there. The filling of all selective high school vacancies tends to continue until the end of the first term in the year of enrolment.

The minimum entry score is determined by the geographical location of the schools and the academic merit of the students applying for entry. Where parents decline offers after the school term ends, it may become necessary to go much further down a reserve list than may have happened in previous years.

The minimum entry score is not an indicator of the relative performance of the selective high schools.

Parents should not use minimum entry scores as the only criteria on which to base their choice of selective high schools. They should also consider factors such as the curriculum offered at each school and travelling times and transport.

Since isolation factors as well as school and test scores are considered for entry to Hurlstone Agricultural High School - Boarder, Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School and Yanco Agricultural High School, the minimum entry scores are not published.

Selective High School	Minimum entry at 13/04/2016
Alexandria Park Community School	170
Armidale High School	160
Auburn Girls High School	160
Baulkham Hills High School	231
Blacktown Boys High School	182
Blacktown Girls High School	179
Bonnyrigg High School	166
Caringbah High School	191
Chatswood High School	195
Duval High School	160
Elizabeth Macarthur High School	161
Fort Street High School	211
Girraween High School	210
Gorokan High School	160
Gosford High School	180
Grafton High School	160
Granville Boys High School	160
Hornsby Girls High School	212
Hurlstone Agricultural High School (Day)	200
James Ruse Agricultural High School	239
Karabar High School	160
Koorringal High School	163
Macquarie Fields High School	174
Merewether High School	182
Moorebank High School	167
Normanhurst Boys High School	210
North Sydney Boys High School	225
North Sydney Girls High School	212
Northern Beaches Secondary College (Manly Campus)	204
Parramatta High School	192
Peel High School	160
Penrith High School	200

Selective High School	Minimum entry at 13/04/2016
Prairiewood High School	<b>166</b>
Rose Bay Secondary College	<b>164</b>
Ryde Secondary College	<b>186</b>
Sefton High School	<b>189</b>
Smiths Hill High School	<b>186</b>
St George Girls High School	<b>195</b>
Sydney Boys High School	<b>212</b>
Sydney Girls High School	<b>214</b>
Sydney Secondary College (Balmain Campus)	<b>179</b>
Sydney Secondary College (Leichhardt Campus)	<b>179</b>
Sydney Technical High School	<b>191</b>
Tempe High School	<b>180</b>
Virtual selective school (Aurora College)	<b>170</b>